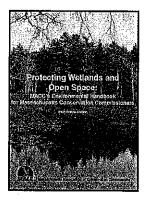
# **Essential Resources for Conservation Commissions**

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### Protecting Wetlands and Open Space: MACC's Environmental Handbook for Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners

The Environmental Handbook is the indispensable resource for conservation commissioners and for those working with and appearing before conservation commissions. It is online and interactive, providing word search capability, pop-up definitions of terms, internal and external hyperlinks, and the ability to keep notes in the text. Its twenty-two chapters and eight special topic sections offer guidance and suggestions, and provide the science, technology, laws, regulations, and policies necessary for understanding and implementing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Conservation Commission Act and for protecting wetlands and open space. Cost is \$15 per annual subscription for MACC members.

#### Massachusetts Runoff, Erosion & Sediment Control Field Guide

The ESC Field Guide is for conservation commissioners and agents, public works employees, engineers, planners, contractors, landscapers, and consultants. It addresses commonly used practices for runoff, erosion and sediment control and implementation of storm water standards, including practices specific to coastal environments. It will help conservation commissions understand the ten strategies for effective erosion and sediment control, ask the right questions of applicants and consultants before approving projects, and monitor projects that have been approved. To be used during the design, construction, and monitoring phases of projects near critical water resources, this take-in-the-field publication is the only one of its kind for Massachusetts. Cost is \$24 per copy for MACC members.





#### Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Regulations

The current Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00, updated effective October 24, 2014, are available from MACC in a handy and easy to use letter-size format bound volume. Cost is \$12 per copy for MACC members.

#### **MACC** ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE 2015

Saturday, February 28 • College of the Holy Cross, Worcester

#### **Workshops and Training Program Sessions**

#### **WORKSHOP SERIES A-D**

Only 1 workshop can be taken during each time slot

#### SERIES A - 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- 1. Beyond the Sustainable Water Management Initiative: Practical Implementation
- 2. Protecting the Commonwealth's Coast: Balancing Shoreline Protection, Recreation, and Rare Species
- 3. MassDEP/UMass Wetland Mitigation Success Report: Next Steps
- 4. Protecting Massachusetts Vernal Pools
- 5. How to Run an Efficient Conservation Office: Getting More from Your Limited Time
- 6. Importance of Using Native Plants in Ecological Restoration and Conservation Permitting
- 7. Enforcing Wetland Violations: Best Practices, Applicable Legal Procedures, and Standards

#### SERIES B - 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Climate Change Adaptation: What it Means for Municipalities
- No More Dirty Water: Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Treatment and Control
- Thirty-One Dam Removals and Counting: River Restoration Update, Monitoring Results, and Two Case Studies
- 11. Culvert Replacement Projects and Ecosystem Connectivity
- 12. Creative Approaches to Financing Your Commission
- 13. Reviewing Ecological Restoration Proposals under the Revised Wetland Regulations
- 14. Commissions Behaving Badly: Lessons in Legal Liability

#### SERIES C - 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 15. Protecting Endangered Species through Habitat Mapping and Regulatory Review
- 16. Planning for Resilience: Community Conservation Tools for Climate Adaptation
- 17. Solar Arrays: Permitting Issues for Commissions to Consider
- 18. Forest Cutting Practices Act and the MOU: Building Relationships with MassDCR
- 19. Maximizing Your Impact: Conservation Chairs and Staff Working Well Together
- 20. A Detailed Assessment of the Promises and Challenges of Green Infrastructure (Part 1 of 2-continued in Series D)
- 21. Current Science on Wetlands and Climate Change: Impacts, Carbon Mitigation, and Adaptation

#### SERIES D - 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- 20. A Detailed Assessment of the Promises and Challenges of Green Infrastructure (Part 2 of 2-continued from Series C)
- 22. Stewardship of Municipally-Held Conservation Restrictions
- 23. Wetlands, Climate Change and Blue Carbon: Connecting Latest Science with Local Actions to Preserve Ecosystem Services
- 24. StormSmart Properties Fact Sheet Series: Strategies to Reduce Coastal Erosion and Storm Damage while Minimizing Impacts
- 25. Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Water Quality Treatment
- 26. Key Components of the Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Laws
- 27. Kinder Morgan's Proposed Gas Pipeline: Options and Opportunities for Conservation Commissions

Climate Workshops

B8 C16 C21 D23

Coastal Issues Workshops

A2 B9 C16 D23 D24

Conservation Administration Workshops

A5 B12 C19 D26

#### Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners

Pre-registration required (Only 1 Unit can be taken during each time slot)

#### 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- UNIT 1. Overview of Conservation Commissions:
  Relationships, Responsibilities, Funds and Fees
- UNIT 2. Getting Home Before Midnight: How to Run an Effective Meeting
- UNIT 5. Wetland Functions and Values
- UNIT 7. Open Space Planning and Protection Techniques

#### 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- UNIT 3. The Wetlands Protection Act: Fundamentals, Process and Procedures
- UNIT 4. Plan Review and Site Visit Procedures
- UNIT 6. Writing Effective Orders of Conditions
- UNIT 8. Managing Conservation Land: Inventories, Goals and Conflicts
- UNIT 9: Protecting Wildlife Habitat (NEW UNIT)

Volunteers May Receive Free Admission

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## Annual Environmental Conference 2015 Information and Registration

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	Agenda
8:00-8:30	Registration, Exhibit Hall
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8:30-9:30	Opening Session; Annual
	Business Meeting;
	Speakers, Awards
9:45-12:15	Fundamentals Units
	1, 2, 5, and 7
9:45-12:30	Workshop Series A and B
11:15-2:30	Lunch in Kimball Hall
1:30-4:00	Fundamentals Units
	3, 4, 6, 8 and 9
1:45-4:30	Workshop Series C and D
4:30-5:15	President's Reception and
	Raffle

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Fee is per person and includes morning refreshments and lunch. \*Member fee applies to: conservation commissioners and staff when commission dues are paid or accompany this registration; and other MACC members.

\*\*Other municipal officials and government agency or non-profit organization employees when fee is paid by agency or organization check.

#### Notes

Advance registration is strongly recommended. Payment or purchase order should accompany registration.

Register early to guarantee workshop choice.

Refunds, minus a \$20.00 processing fee, will be issued only if a written cancellation is received by February 13.

See inclement weather policy at www.maccweb.org/edu\_aec.html

#### **MACC 2015 Annual Environmental Conference Registration Form**

or register online: www.maccweb.org/edu aec 2015.html Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Commission/Organization\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Address Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Method of payment: \_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_ My city/town requires an invoice \_\_\_\_ For credit card payments, send me a request for payment through PayPal **Workshop Choices** You may register for 1 or 2 Fundamentals Units, or up to 4 workshops, or a combination of 1 Unit and 2 workshops. Call 617.489.3930 for details. Classes fill quickly. Register early. An extensive lunch buffet is provided from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in a separate building. Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners **Workshop Series** Please check ONE unit in each time slot. WRITE WORKSHOP NUMBER 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for each session \_\_\_\_ Unit 1 (c0612) \_\_\_\_ Unit 5 (c0616) Unit 2 (C0613) Unit 7 (c0618) Workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ A (9:45-11:00 a.m.) Workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ B (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ C (1:45-3:00 p.m.) \_\_\_\_ Unit 3 (c0614) \_\_\_\_ Unit 8 (c0619) Workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ D (3:15-4:30 p.m.) \_\_ Unit 4 (C0615) \_\_\_\_Unit 9 (c0620)

Confirmations with directions will be provided when an email address is given.

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